Amended patent claims

- passports, ID cards or the like, which is provided at least partly with a coating ensuring longer fitness for circulation, characterized in that the coating is provided at least on one of the surfaces of the security paper and the coating consists of a composition containing only a binder and no fillers or polyurethane.
- 2. A security paper according to claim 1, characterized in that the composition is present on the security paper in a coating weight of 1 to 6 g/m², preferably 2 to 3 g/m².
- 3. A security paper according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the composition contains acrylates or a mixture of polymers or copolymers with a high acrylate content as a binder.
- 4. A security paper according to at least one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the composition contains a low concentration of at least one substance with a visually and/or mechanically detectable property.
 - 5. A security paper according to claim 4, characterized in that the substance has luminescent, magnetic, electroconductive, diffractive, light-interfering or light-polarizing properties.
 - 6. A security paper according to claim 4 end, characterized in that the substance or substances are provided in the coating only partly, preferably in the form of a pattern.
 - 7. A security paper according to at least one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the security paper consists of fibers of annual plants, in particular cotton fibers.
 - 8. A security paper according to at least one of claims 1 to 7 characterized in that the security paper consists at least partly of plastic fibers, preferably polyamide fibers.
- 9. A security paper according to at least one of claims 1 test, characterized in that the security paper is an unsized paper.

10. A security paper according to at least one of claims 1 to 2, characterized in that the coating is applied to the security paper only in certain areas and the coating-free areas are printed with an ink containing special-effect pigments.

11. A document of value, such as a bank note, check, ID card or the like, characterized in that the document of value has a security paper according to at least one of claims 1 to 10.

12. A document of value, such as a bank note, check, ID card or the like, characterized in that the document of value has a security paper provided at least partly with a coating ensuring longer fitness for circulation, the coating being provided at least on one of the surfaces of the security paper, and the coating consists of a composition containing only a binder and no fillers, the security paper having over the coating a print which is in turn covered by a coating, e.g. a lacquer layer.

13. A method for producing a security paper according to at least one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that a paper layer is produced in a paper machine and subsequently a coating applied at least partly to at least one of the surfaces of the paper, the coating consisting of a composition containing only a binder and no fillers or polyurethane.

14. A method according to claim 13, characterized in that the paper is sized before application of the coating.

15. A method according to claim 13 or 14, characterized in that the coating is printed on.

16. A method according to at least one of claims 13 to 15, characterized in that the coating is applied in a plurality of steps.

17. A method according to claim 16, characterized in that a composition containing small amounts of at least one substance with at least one visually and/or mechanically detectable physical property is applied in the form of a pattern in a first step, and the remaining part of the surface of the paper is provided with the same composition without the detectable substance in register with the pattern in a second step.

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